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June 10th, 2013
Town Council Meeting
Hardin Hall

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman Earl Chaffinch, Sr., Councilman John Reiss, Councilman David Ruff, Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Absent: Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph

Meeting Opened at 7:00pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from May 13th, 2013; motion to accept in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion accepted.

Police Report - submitted by Chief Cooke read by Commissioner Chaffinch.

BEDCO – Minutes read by Town Administrator.

P&Z – Minutes submitted by William Messenger, read by Commissioner Reiss.

Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
- Streets – No Report.
- Parks & Cemetery – No written report. Commissioner thanked the guys for their hard work they have been doing. Plan on painting the park bathrooms. Cemetery has been looking good. A work order will be issued to repair the fence at the entrance to the cemetery. Attended the viewing for Donald Pogwist, ex councilman and property owner in the town.
- Police Report – No further information to report.
- Mayor's Report - Report Submitted in writing.

New Business:

- Delaware Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement for Intrastate Water and Wastewater Agency: our town attorney reviewed that plan and recommended that the town sign; it will be beneficial to the town; motion by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion carried.
- New lawnmower; bids received; David Banks from \$6625.00 to \$8689.00; Burke Equipment Company bids received \$4299.00 to \$4500.00; Baker's Hardware bids received from \$4239.00 to \$6559.00. After reviewing the models the Mayor



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recommends the 52" deck 28hp Briggs Commercial Mower MZT52 from Baker's at a cost of \$4399.00. Motion to purchase from Baker's the MZT52 28hp Briggs Commercial 52" cut for \$4399.00 by Councilman Ruff; seconded by Councilman Chaffinch; motion carried.

- Tax Amnesty; referred to workshop.
- Code Enforcement Vehicle: Cost to repair ranging from \$1000 to \$3000. Discussion from Council to purchase a new vehicle. The Town Administrator was giving direction from the Mayor to find a new vehicle from \$15,000 to \$17,000 motioned by Councilman Chaffinch; Councilman Atkinson, Councilman Reiss, Councilman Ruff all in attendance agreed with the directive. Real Lease will be contacted regarding the agreed upon purchase amount and get the paperwork ready for purchase once the car is found.
- Donald Pogwist, who recently passed, was a Councilman with the town and a business owner and long-time resident. His obituary stated in lieu of flowers for donations to be made to American Parkinson Disease Association. Motion made by Councilman Chaffinch to donate \$100.00; seconded by Councilman Ruff; motion carried.

Good of the Community:

- The cuttings when you cut your grass need to be blown off the streets. The cuttings cannot be left in the street! This also keeps the storm drains from clogging!
- Councilman Ruff wanted to thank Councilman Reiss for taking care of a complaint on E Third Street about an extension cord ran from one house to a house across the street and the issue was addressed by code on a Sunday!
- PIV: open and close the PIV's when flushing the hydrants?
- Workshop Monday June 17th at 630pm. Agenda: Tax Amnesty and New Code Car

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:39pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman
Town Administrator